



Date: October 10, 2016

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For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: CPUC TO HOLD OCTOBER 13 VOTING MEETING IN LONG BEACH

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a Voting Meeting in the City of Long Beach on October 13, 2016. The meeting is a continuation of the CPUC's ongoing investigation and hearing into the 2015 power outages that plagued Long Beach. The meeting will feature three presentations on electric and telecommunication outages that impacted the city.

WHEN: Thursday, October 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Port of Long Beach Harbor Commission Council Chambers, 4801 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach; also available via video webcast at www.polb.com/cpucmeeting

WHAT: The CPUC's Commissioners will discuss and vote on proposed policies, and there will be three CPUC staff presentations:

1. Update on the CPUC's penalty consideration case against Southern California Edison for power outages that occurred in Long Beach during July and August 2015 that affected up to 30,000 customers and resulted in fires, explosions, and other events that endangered the safety of the public
2. Information on a recent 3-hour electrical outage
3. Update on Frontier Communications outages that impacted access to 911 service in April/May in Long Beach

Per the CPUC rules the Voting Meeting begins with public comment, and members of the public are encouraged to attend. Those intending to make public comment can sign up before the meeting starts, or can sign-up online and can read the CPUC's Rules for Public Comment at www.cpuc.ca.gov/Commission_Meeting.

Background

On September 8, 2015, the City Council received a presentation from City staff on the management of the major power outages that began on July 15, 2015, lasting several days, followed by a second multiple-day outage that began on July 30, 2015. On November 17, 2015, Southern California Edison (SCE) released the results of their completed internal investigation, as well as a third party independent investigation conducted by Davies Consulting, detailing the root cause, corrective actions required, and management recommendations. Following these investigations, the CPUC conducted its own internal investigation and determined that a sufficient basis existed to conduct a hearing into the power outages and their root cause. The October 13 meeting begins the formal process of determining whether to fine and/or take other action against SCE.

For more information on the meeting, contact Reggie Harrison, Director of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications, at (562) 570-9460.

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